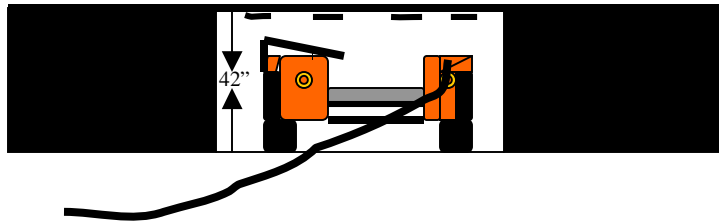




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On Monday January 26, 2004, at about 4:45 P.M., a serious accident injured a section foreman who was operating a Joy 21 SC shuttle car. The shuttle car canopy came into contact with the mine roof causing the canopy to collapse on the car operator. The car canopy had been altered from the Professional Engineer's original specifications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Equipment operators should be aware of the mining heights and the height of their respective piece of mining equipment.
- Only knowledgeable and certified personnel should be allowed to perform work on electrical and falling object protection for mining equipment.
- Equipment operators should check for the professional engineer's certification indicating the canopy is structurally sound. The certification shall be attached to the canopy.
- Any canopy used in lieu of the original design must be approved by Technical Support Officials of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM